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TAGS: OREP (PRICE, MELVIN)

SUBJECT: ITINERARY AND PRESS POLICY, CODEL PRICE VISIT TO THE PRC

REF: STATE 080433

1. CODEL PRICE ARRIVED PEKING APRIL 17 AND DEPARTS FOR DARIEN (TALIEN) AROUND 0800 LOCAL APRIL 21. DELEGATION WILL GO ON TO SHANGHAI AROUND MIDDAY APRIL 22, DEPARTING FROM THERE FOR US EVENING OF APRIL 23 PER ORIGINAL SCHEDULE (REFTEL).

2. NCNA AND PEOPLE'S DAILY HAVE REPORTED MAJOR EVENTS THUS FAR IN THE DELEGATION'S VISIT -- THE APRIL 17 WELCOMING BANQUET HOSTED BY CHOU CHIU-YEH OF THE CPIFA AND APRIL 18 MEETING WITH FONMIN CHIAO KUAN-HUA, WHICH WAS FOLLOWED BY A DINNER HOSTED BY CHIAO. THE CHIAO MEETING AND DINNER WERE HELD AT THE FORMER US LEGATION COMPOUND.

3. TODAY (APRIL 19) DELEGATION IS VISITING A PLA CAMP ABOUT TWO HOURS DRIVE EAST OF PEKING. VISIT TO PEKING UNIVERSITY IS SCHEDULED FOR MORNING OF APRIL 20; AFTER-NOON IS OPEN; AND RETURN BANQUET WILL BE HELD THAT

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EVENING. (AFTERNOON OF APRIL 20 APPEARS TO BE MOST

LIKELY TIME FOR A MEETING WITH HUA KUO-FENG OR ANOTHER
PRC LEADER, BUT THERE IS NO WORD ON THIS AS YET.)

4. WE UNDERSTAND THAT DELEGATION DOES NOT WANT ADVANCE
PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF ITS SCHEDULE. ACCORDINGLY, SUCH
INFO IN PARAS 1 AND 3 ABOVE IS FYI ONLY. DELEGATION
PLANS A PRESS RELEASE AT SOME POINT AFTER ITS TALKS WITH
PRC LEADERS HAVE BEEN CONCLUDED. FOR THE MEANTIME, THE
SENIOR STAFF MEMBER OF THE DELEGATION, ARMED SERVICES
COMMITTEE CHIEF COUNSEL SLATINSHEK, HAS AGREED TO USLO'S
GIVING HIS PEKING HOTEL NUMBER (556-531, ROOM 1007)
SLECTIVELY TO US MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES.
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